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1. A publicised intention of Haj Amin Husayni to form a new Palestine Government in the area of Palestine outside Israel received an unfavorable reaction among residents in the Hebron area, particularly among the refugee leaders. To emphasize the opposition to Haj Amin's plan, the refugee leaders called a meeting to voice their opinion to Shaykh Muhammad Ali Jabari, a member of the delegation to the Arab conference due to be held in Casablanca.
2. On 24 August 1959, Shaykh Muhammad Ali Jabari met with 60 representatives of the refugees in Hebron. The group protested against Haj Amin and his representative in Lebanon, Amil Ghuri for calling for the formation of a Palestine State. Their objection was that any division of Jordan would weaken the Eastern Arab front with Israel. The leaders emphasized that no solution to the Palestine question was acceptable which prevented repatriation. They also refused to accept any solution which did not have the backing of King Husayn. Nor did they consider Jordan a foreign state and pointed out that historically Palestine and Transjordan were and are still referred to as Southern Syria as proof of their close ties between East and West Jordan.

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